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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

A1  
3. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one electrode is in contact with at least one hydrogenation catalyst, in particular with a noble metal.

A2  
7. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the electrodes used is a gas diffusion electrode.